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Amendments to the Specification:Please Amend the Brief Description of the Drawings as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0005] Figure 1 illustrates a schematic ~~perspective~~ view of an automotive overhead compartment with the door in the opened position;

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0006] Figure 2 illustrates a schematic ~~perspective~~ view of an automotive overhead compartment with the door in the closed position;

Please delete paragraph [0006.1] as follows:

[0006.1] ~~Figure 2A illustrates a perspective view shown partially in phantom of an automotive compartment with the door in the closed position;~~

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0009] Figure 5 illustrates a sectional view of the track member locked into the retaining section; and

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0010] Figure 6 is a flow chart illustrating the preferred method for this invention. ~~and~~

Please delete paragraph [0010.1] as follows:

[0010.1] ~~Figure 7 is a perspective view of an automobile including a push-push latch that is disclosed in the present invention.~~

Please Amend The Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following rewritten paragraph:

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[0011] The push-push latch of the present invention, shown generally at 20 in Figures 1-5 ~~and 7~~, is used in association with a storage compartment 22 in an automobile 61 to facilitate moving the compartment door 24 between an opened position, as illustrated in Figure 1, and a closed position, as illustrated in Figure 2 2A. It should be noted that the push-push latch of the present invention is not limited to automotive compartments, rather, it can be used in association with any compartment or environment that requires a latch.

Please delete paragraphs [0012.1] – [0012.3]

Please add the following new paragraph [0013.1] after paragraph [0013]:

[0013.1] There is a connector 38, shown in Figure 1, that is permanently attached to the compartment door 24 and that engages the push-push latch 20. In other words, neither the track member 30 nor the guide member 32 is permanently attached to the compartment door 24. Rather, the connector 38 engages either the track member 30 or the guide member 32 depending on the configuration of the system.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0017] Referring to Figure ~~Figures 2, 2A and 3~~, under normal circumstances when the door 24 of the compartment 22 is in the opened position ~~the track member assembly is extending out from the recess 53 and the clamp member 45 is pivoting away from the track member 30 section containing the heart-shaped track 34. Further,~~ the guide member 32 is resting in pathway A 40. When a force is exerted on the door 24 to push it into the closed position, the connector 38 on the compartment door 24 engages the push-push latch 20. This engagement forces guide member 32 to move from pathway A 40 into pathway B 42 and travel along the length of pathway B 42, and around the first corner 44 into pathway C 46. Guide member 32 moves along the length of pathway C 46 and comes to a rest at the V-shaped notch 36. Therefore, when in the closed

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position the guide member 32 is positioned in the V-shaped notch 36 of the track member 30 resting against wall 54.

Please delete paragraph [0017.1].

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0018] When a force is exerted on the compartment door 24 in an effort to move the door 24 from the closed position to the opened position, under normal circumstances, guide member 32 is forced out from V-shaped notch 36 and into pathway D 48. ~~More specifically, the force exerted on the compartment door forces the track member down into the recess and thus forces the spring member to contract. This compression of the spring allows guide member to move out from the V shaped notch into pathway D 48 as is known to one skilled in the art of push push latches.~~ After traveling the length of pathway D 48 guide member 32 moves around the second corner 50 and travels down the length of pathway E 52. Pathway E 52 merges into pathway A 40 and guide member 32 comes to a rest back in pathway A 40. ~~As guide member 32 travels from the second corner 50 through to pathway A 40, the track member is forced by the spring out through the recess. As the guide member extends out through the recess, clamp member 45 pivots away from the track member. As the clamp member pivots away the connector is released.~~ The connector 38 disengages from the push-push latch 20 once guide member 32 is positioned within pathway A 40 causing the compartment door 24 to move into the opened position.